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By edhat staff

California Governor Gavin Newsom has announced a statewide shelter in place order for all residents during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Nearly 40 million people are ordered to stay home until further notice unless it's absolutely necessary to leave starting at midnight on Thursday. An end date was not given as this is expected to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

The order states the following businesses are allowed to remain open: gas stations, pharmacies, food stores (grocery, foodbanks, convenience stores, take out, delivery), banks, laundry services. Essential state and local government functions will also remain open, including law enforcement and offices that provide government programs and services.

The same closure guidelines are in place for dine-in restaurants, bars and nightclubs, entertainment venues, gyms and fitness studios, public events and gatherings, and convention centers.

Individuals working in "Critical Infrastructure Sectors" as defined by the federal government may continue work. This includes healthcare, energy, transportation, water and waste management, and more.

State law dictates that violations of the order are punishable of a fine up to $1,000, however, officials state they do not plan to direct police to enforce this.

"This is a moment we need to make tough decisions," said Newsom. "This is a moment where we need some straight talk and we need to tell people the truth: We need to bend the curve in the state of California."

Newsom also requested the immediate deployment of the USNS Mercy Hospital Ship to the Port of Los Angeles through September 1, 2020, to help decompress the state's health care delivery system in Los Angeles.

California health officials predict 56% of the state's population, approximately 25.5 million people, will be infected with COVID-19 within the next eight weeks, according to a letter Newsom sent to President Donald Trump on Thursday morning.

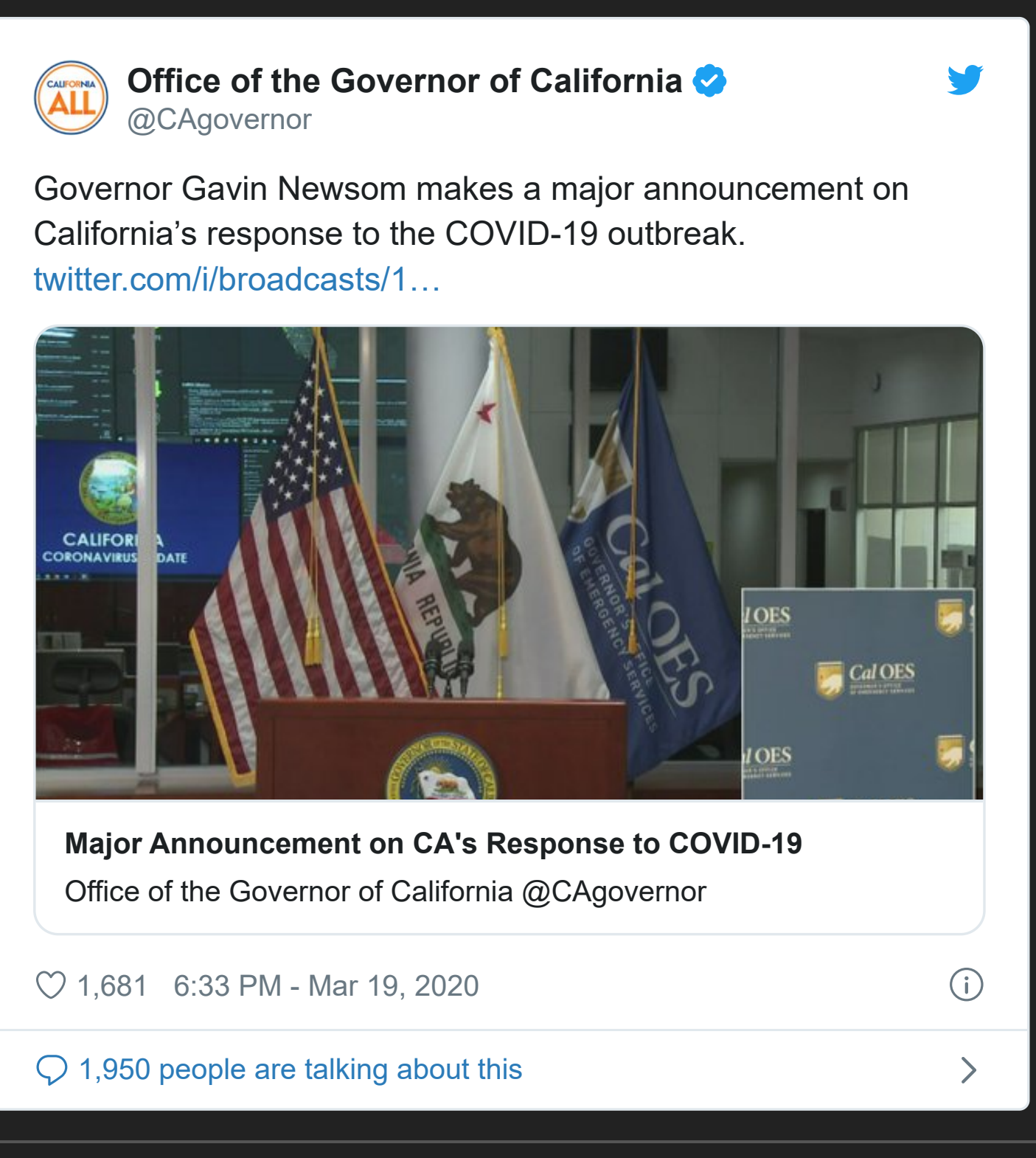
The governor's announcement comes after Los Angeles and Bay Area counties issued "shelter-in-place" mandates to their residents.

As of Thursday evening, there are 9 cases of positive COVID-19 with at least 100 pending test results in Santa Barbara County. California currently has 1,040 confirmed cases with 19 deaths. These numbers are expected to grow as more testing results are released.

Santa Barbara County health officials previously stated they were planning to issue a shelter in place mandate for those over 75 years of age and those 70 years of age and over with underlying health issues.

There are currently 17 confirmed cases in Ventura County, 13 in San Luis Obispo, and 230 in Los Angeles County.

The full announcement can be viewed below: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YETI MAR 20, 2020 06:25 AM

Here comes martial law! Oh the arrogance .

SCHIFTER MAR 20, 2020 05:59 AM

Silver linings: no street sweeping for two weeks! Free money from the Feds April 6 and May 18 (I hope it includes me?). Now I can lie in bed all day and not feel guilty about it. Except, old man wants me to shop for him and I don't want to get him sick...so that kinda sucks. Anyway, YEAH, LET'S SUE CHINA! https://local12.com/news/coronavirus/americans-may-see-first-round-of-checks-from-us-government-by-april-6-03-18-2020

A-1584716896 MAR 20, 2020 02:18 AM

no walking, no hiking, no biking ?

JENCE MAR 20, 2020 01:53 AM

The reality is that all persons over 57 years old is now my problem and my son's problem, and his son's problem. Thanks LSD. Thanks HepC, thanks PTSD, thanks agent O, thanks free love and smoking pot! You guys were awesome! GREAT!!!!! Good job, mom! Thanks for going to work and leaving me home! NOT.

A-1584716896 MAR 20, 2020 01:28 AM

Too bad the WHO declared back in January that the government of China had this under control. They (the WHO) advised against travel restrictions, and were praising the CCP for how they were handling this, saying there were no reports of human to human transmission. Makes you wonder why considering what the CCP did in 2003 with the SARS epidemic - BTW this is a SARS mutation - why would the WHO would believe them again. It's because the WHO has different leadership now and apparently they either forgot or were still willing to give the Chinese government a chance. And once again they failed the world. Time to uncouple.

SAM THE DOG MAR 20, 2020 04:22 AM

Nope, it's Trumps fault. Orange man bad...

EASTBEACH MAR 20, 2020 01:08 AM

Painful but the right thing to do. If you need more convincing, look at this hospital beds analysis from Harvard Global Health Institute (enter "Santa Barbara" in the Hospital Region box because the graphs depend on where you live) ...... https://projects.propublica.org/graphics/covid-hospitals

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Full disclosure of the researchers involved in the modelling plus the underlying datasets are here https://globalepidemics.org/2020/03/17/caring-for-covid-19-patients/

MIDAIR MAR 20, 2020 12:49 AM

Instead of sending a bill to the Chinese let's send it to the orange faced goofball.

A-1584716896 MAR 20, 2020 01:23 AM

A communist sympathizer right here in SB Who would have thought. Spreading communist propaganda. Any company or person who does business with the CCP should be declared a traitor. Henceforth.

SHASTA GUY MAR 19, 2020 10:01 PM

Here's a link for enduring a lock down: *** https://www.zerohedge.com/health/home-lockdown-survival-guide-staying-healthy-sane-solvent-during-covid-19-crisis *** Being Zerohedge, the comments will make sailors blush since there appears to be no moderator.

A-1584716896 MAR 19, 2020 09:15 PM

I guess I can send my missed work billing to the State to cover everything I miss. Work continues for me, virus or not. No income, then I become homeless.... the State's problem.

EASTBEACH MAR 20, 2020 01:22 AM

If you work for, or contract for, one of the ISP's (e.g. Cox, Frontier, Comcast) you may fall into the critical infrastructure category (employees are required to keep working). If you're visiting companies and supporting their intranet, then you're more of an IT person and exemption may depend on what your customer does. An IT person supporting a retail store may not qualify, but someone supporting one of the critical infrastructure companies might. Click on the link in the article for more info.

SHASTA GUY MAR 19, 2020 10:23 PM

Send it to the Chinese Communist Party, Beijing, with a self addressed stamped envelop. Ask them if they'll apologize for unleashing the viral equivalent of Chernobyl on an unsuspecting world.

GENERALTREE MAR 19, 2020 10:05 PM

Or you can eat the bill for coronavirus treatment, quarantine and loss wages beyond your accrued sick time.

PUGLUVR1912 MAR 19, 2020 09:55 PM

Can't you do that remotely?

A-1584716896 MAR 19, 2020 09:25 PM

... Let me clarify a little bit. I work on computer networks. With all the "work at home" happening, I need to be sure everything is up and running for that to happen. That requires me to visit locations to program and backup data.

A-1584716896 MAR 19, 2020 09:09 PM

If you do go out, behave as if you are infected and keep your distance from others.

JQB MAR 19, 2020 09:12 PM

Or behave as if everyone else is infected and keep your distance from them.

A-1584716896 MAR 19, 2020 09:01 PM

Ask not what staying home on the couch can do for you, ask what staying home on the couch can do for your country!

PUGLUVR1912 MAR 19, 2020 08:46 PM

I'm a bit bummed about this. I have autism and being with friends during crisis is one of the few calming methods for me

A-1584716896 MAR 19, 2020 09:01 PM

Hang in there Pug! You can always go to a friends house and chat outside with proper distancing. My mom sent me this and it made me laugh: https://www.instagram.com/p/B922T-_HY3T/?igshid=h80gbr4eb4ik

SHASTA GUY MAR 19, 2020 08:58 PM

We've got four students here, two college + two high schoolers, all using Zoom to maintain their classes. You can try FaceTime, Skype, or Zoom to be in touch with friends. It's going to be rough. My sister-in-law is walled off by plastic in her own house because she just evacuated out of Madrid, and she really is missing her friends. She Zooms with her family.

PUGLUVR1912 MAR 19, 2020 08:57 PM

Thank you. I'm in tears right now, but I will get through it

SAGEPUP MAR 19, 2020 08:52 PM

Dont worry Pug, you can talk with your friends online or on the phone. We are with you in spirit. And know you are loved.

SHASTA GUY MAR 19, 2020 08:30 PM

The order will not be enforced by law enforcement (yet), instead they are counting on social pressure. If you go out unnecessarily you'll get a glare and and finger wagging.

JIMBO212 MAR 19, 2020 08:26 PM

What about going for a walk or run outside while keeping distance from other people?

JQB MAR 19, 2020 09:03 PM

Outdoor exercise is exempted.

KRUPPE MAR 19, 2020 08:31 PM

This should be fine. I was advised by my physician to continue to be active. I usually get in my runs early in the morning when nobody is around.

A-1584716896 MAR 19, 2020 08:20 PM

Does this mean I cannot go to a friends house, even with social distancing?

KRUPPE MAR 19, 2020 08:25 PM

Nobody is going to arrest you, but why take the risk and put others at risk?

A-1584716896 MAR 19, 2020 08:24 PM

Going to your friends house is not essential. So no, stay at home and don't risk infecting or getting infected.

A-1584716896 MAR 19, 2020 08:24 PM

YES!

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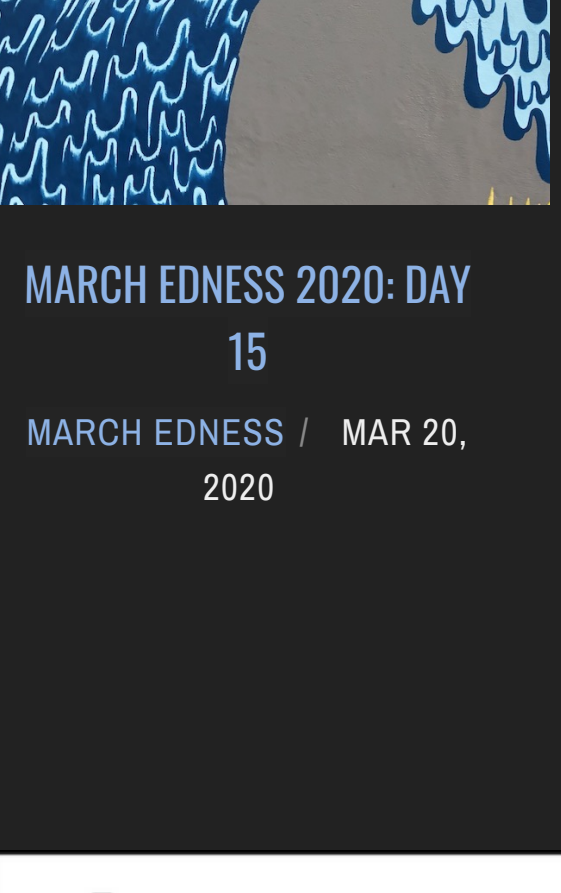
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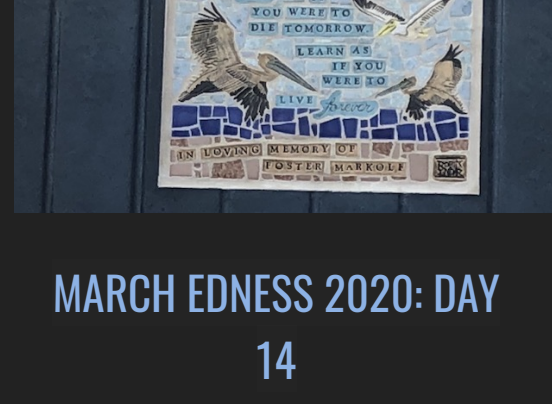
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